

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A method for removing pigments from a pigmented section of [[a]] skin, comprising:

- a) providing a skin puncturing device provided with at least one needle;
- b) puncturing the skin at said pigmented section with said skin puncturing device while ~~said skin puncturing device contains no ink and, optionally, injecting an aqueous solution to the pigmented area during the puncturing of said skin~~ in order to liberate the pigments and cellular fluids from cells containing the pigments;
- c) providing a pad adapted to absorb the pigments and the cellular fluids, said pad containing one or more materials capable of absorbing moisture from the mixture of said aqueous solution with the pigments at said section, or absorbing moisture from the mixture of said pigments with the cellular fluids at said section causing the pigments to migrate into an outer layer of the skin; and
- d) bandaging said punctured skin with said pad, thereby causing the pigments at said section to migrate ~~from their location~~ toward the outer layer of the skin.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended). A method according to claim 1, further comprising applying one or more antiseptic ~~and/or antibiotic~~ materials to the punctured skin.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended). A method according to claim [[2]] 1, ~~further comprising bandaging wherein~~ the punctured skin with a pad containing the one or more antiseptic ~~and/or antibiotic~~ materials.

Claim 4 (Original). A method according to claim 1, wherein the skin puncturing device is a tattooing device.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). A method according to claim 1, wherein each of the needles attached to the skin puncturing device is solid ~~or hollow~~.

Claim 6 (Original). A method according to claim 5, wherein the skin puncturing device is further provided with suction means.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended). A method according to claim [[1]] 6, further comprising, prior to the bandaging of the punctured skin and during the puncturing of said skin, performing the suction of the pigments from said punctured skin with the suction means.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended). A method according to claim 1, wherein the material ~~used to absorb the moisture or the pigments~~ causing the pigments to migrate is in the form of a solution, a solid material or a combination of both a solution and a solid material.

Claim 9 (Original). A method according to claim 8, wherein the material is saline.

Claims 10-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (New). The method according to claim 1, wherein an aqueous solution is injected into the pigmented section during the puncturing of the skin.

Claim 15 (New). The method according to claim 1, further comprising applying at least one antibiotic material to the punctured skin.

Claim 16 (New). The method according to claim 1, which further comprises including at least one antibiotic material for treating the skin in said pad.

Claim 17 (New). The method according to claim 1, wherein said one or more materials in said pad are capable of absorbing at least five grams of the aqueous mixture containing the tattoo ink and cellular debris per ten square centimeters of area of said pad in a period of no more than twenty minutes.

Claim 18 (New). The method according to claim 1, wherein said at least one needle attached to said skin puncturing device is hollow.

Claim 19 (New). The method according to claim 18, which further comprises coupling a means for providing suction to said hollow needle.

Claim 20 (New). The method according to claim 19, further comprising, prior to the bandaging of the punctured skin and during the puncturing of said skin, sucking the pigments from said punctured skin with said means for providing suction.

Claim 21 (New). The method according to claim 1, wherein said skin puncturing device includes no ink to be injected.